



Tennessee TSA Regional Conferences 2026

Competitive Events Eligibility and Adjustments

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Please note this document is subject to change. All changes will be highlighted in yellow below.

Eligibility is how many can compete per chapter. Adjustments are the modifications we make to the competitive event guidelines that apply to our conferences specifically. If competing at the National TSA Conference, you will want to follow the competitive event guidelines as written.

Themes and Problems for the 2025-2026 year are now available and can be found [here](#). In addition, National TSA releases updates and clarifications for the competitive event guidelines, which can be found [here](#). If National TSA releases an update over the course of the year, TNTSA will follow it for both the Regional and State Conference if applicable, so be sure to keep up-to-date with these amendments to the rules.

Questions? Contact our Competitive Events Coordinators at tntsa.org/contact

Middle School Events		
Event Name *Events with live components	Eligibility	Adjustments for TNTSA Regional Conference
Audio Podcasting	Three (3) teams of two to six (2-6) individuals per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 16 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. The semi-finalist challenge will not be conducted.

Biotechnology		
CAD Foundations		
Career Prep	Three (3) individuals per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Semi-finalist interviews will be conducted via Zoom. All participants will advance to this round of competition. Time sign-ups will occur on Thursday, January 22nd from 9 a.m. ET until 5 p.m. ET. Failure to sign up for a time could result in disqualification.
Challenging Technology Issues	Three (3) teams of two (2) individuals per chapter	Selected subtopic will be released on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and a video recording of the business meeting and scanned PDF of handwritten business minutes will be due Jan 16 at 12 (noon) ET to the online submission portal.
Chapter Team	Three (3) teams per chapter	Selected subtopic will be released on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and a video recording of the business meeting and scanned PDF of handwritten business minutes will be due Jan 16 at 12 (noon) ET to the online submission portal.
Children's Stories	Three (3) individuals or teams per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Participants will need to submit a pdf with scanned pages of their book, including front and back cover. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.
Coding		
		Although this event will not be hosted virtually this year, a practice test will be

		released for participants to take in preparation for the State Conference.
Community Service Video	Three (3) individuals or teams per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Participants should anticipate turning in a link rather than any other format. This can be accomplished through a shareable Google Drive folder or unlisted Youtube link. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.
Construction Challenge		Although this event will not be hosted virtually this year, a practice test will be released for participants to take in preparation for the State Conference.
Cybersecurity Foundations		
Data Science & Analytics		
Digital Photography		
	Three (3) individuals per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of the preliminary portfolio. No semifinalist challenge will be held.
Dragster		
Electrical Applications		
Flight		
Forensic Technology		
	Three (3) teams of two (2) individuals per chapter	There will be no graded test administered for this event. A practice test will be released for participants to take in preparation for the State Conference. All teams will participate in the semifinalist round for the TNTSA Regional Conference. Selected subtopic will be released on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and a video recording of the business meeting and scanned PDF of

		handwritten business minutes will be due Jan 16 at 12 (noon) ET to the online submission portal.
Inventions & Innovations		
Leadership Strategies	Three (3) teams of three (3) individuals per chapter	This event will happen live via Zoom. There will be no holding room and no prep time. Instead, the chosen topic will be announced the morning of Friday, January 23rd. Competitors should arrive at the Zoom meeting ready to present. Time sign-ups will occur on Thursday, January 22nd from 9 a.m. ET until 5 p.m. ET. Failure to sign up for a time could result in disqualification.
Mass Production		
Mechanical Engineering		
Medical Technology		
Microcontroller Design		
Off the Grid		
Prepared Speech	Three (3) individuals per chapter	Participants will turn in a video of their speech during the pre-submission window that will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET.
Problem Solving		Although this event will not be hosted virtually this year, TNTSA will release a practice prompt.
Promotional Marketing	Three (3) individuals per chapter	Only the preliminary round will be conducted for the TNTSA Regional Conference. The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all

		preliminary materials. No semifinalist challenge will be held.
Robotics		
Solar Racer		
STEM Animation		
Structural Engineering		
System Control Technology		
Tech Bowl		Although this event will not be hosted virtually this year, a practice test will be released for teams to use to prepare for the State Conference.
Technical Design		
Video Game Design	Three (3) teams of two to six (2-6) individuals per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.
Website Design	Three (3) teams of two to six (2-6) individuals per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.

High School Events		
Event Name *Events with live components	Eligibility	Adjustments for TNTSA Regional Conference
Animatronics		
Architectural Design		
Audio Podcasting	Three (3) individuals or teams per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16

		at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. The semifinalist challenge will not be hosted.
Biotechnology		
Board Game Design		
Chapter Team	Three (3) teams per chapter	Selected subtopic will be released on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and a video recording of the business meeting and scanned PDF of handwritten business minutes will be due Jan 16 at 12 (noon) ET to the online submission portal.
Children's Stories	Two (2) individuals or teams per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Participants will need to submit a pdf with scanned pages of their book, including front and back cover. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.
Coding		
Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Architecture		
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Data Science & Analytics		
Debating Technological Issues	Three (3) teams of two (2) individuals per chapter	This event will happen live via Zoom. Time sign-ups will occur on Thursday, January 22nd from 9 a.m. ET until 5 p.m. ET. Failure to sign up for a time could result in disqualification. Participants may choose to connect via one device or separately. The prompt and stance

		(Pro/Con) of each team will be randomly selected by competitors upon arrival to compete, and they will be given 5 minutes to prepare. Participants should have their resource page ready to show judges when they arrive to compete. Failure to produce a completed resource page could result in disqualification.
Digital Video Production	Two (2) individuals or teams per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Participants should anticipate turning in a link rather than any other format. This can be accomplished through a shareable Google Drive folder or unlisted Youtube link. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.
Dragster Design		
Drone Challenge (UAV)		
Engineering Design		
Extemporaneous Speech	Three (3) individuals per chapter	This event will happen live via Zoom. There will be no holding room and no prep time. Instead, the three options for speeches will be announced to competitors the morning of Friday, January 23rd. Competitors should arrive at the Zoom meeting ready to present their speech addressing one of the prompts. Time sign-ups will occur on Thursday, January 22nd from 9 a.m. ET until 5 p.m. ET. Failure to sign up for a time could result in disqualification.
Fashion Design & Technology		
Flight Endurance		

Forensic Science		Although this event will not be hosted virtually this year, a practice test will be released for teams to use to prepare for the State Conference.
Future Technology & Engineering Teacher	Three (3) individuals per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.
Geospatial Technology		
Manufacturing Prototype (formerly CIM)		
Music Production	Three (3) individuals or teams per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.
On-Demand Video	Three (3) teams per chapter	The prompt will be released to participating teams on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and will be due on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.
Photographic Technology	Three (3) individuals per chapter	Only the preliminary round will be conducted for the TNTSA Regional Conference. The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of the preliminary portfolio. No semifinalist challenge will be held.
Prepared Presentation	Three (3) individuals per chapter	Participants will turn in a video of their presentation during the pre-submission window that will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m.

		(noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET. Note that, this year, the theme is consistent between conferences and is posted on the National TSA website in August.	
Promotional Design			
Robotics			
Software Development			
STEM Mass Media	Three (3) teams of two to three (2-3) individuals per chapter	Only the preliminary round will be conducted for the TNTSA Regional Conference. The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials.	
Structural Design & Engineering			
System Control Technology			
Technology Bowl			Although this event will not be hosted virtually this year,a practice test will also be released for teams to use to prepare for the State Conference.
Technology Problem Solving			Although this event will not be hosted virtually this year, TNTSA will release a practice prompt.
Transportation Modeling			
Video Game Design	Three (3) teams of two to six (2-6) individuals per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.	
Virtual Reality Visualization (VR, formerly SciVis)			

Webmaster	Three (3) teams of two to six (2-6) individuals per chapter	The pre-submission window will open on Jan. 12 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET and close on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. (noon) ET for turn-in of all event-related materials. Semi-finalist interviews will not be conducted.
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